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THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN MUSICIANS (INC.)
112 Church Road, Richmond, TW10 6LW, Surrey.



10th April, 1972.

To all Fellows,
Associates
Student Associates:-

Dear Member,

The Chairman's letter of 14th January informed you of current difficulties facing the Society and of the decision taken by voting members at the last Annual General Meeting instructing the Council to hold a referendum to decide on the Society's future.

Voting papers were sent in February to all members enjoying this right and the result was a majority in favour of dissolution. The Council is therefore taking advice and the necessary steps to dissolve the Society.

With regard to the assets, it is voted that they be used to perpetuate the name of the Society by means of an annual award to a woman musician.

The result of the referendum will be a great disappointment, no doubt, to many of you who have so kindly honoured the Society with your support, which we have always valued.

In the meantime, events have been arranged up to the end of the financial year on the 30th June, 1972, as follows:-

- (i) Friday, 12th May, at 7.45 p.m. Ivimey Concert at 6 Stratford Studios, W.8.
(by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Marlow). (R.S.V.P. if intending to be present).

Jennifer Bowring (pianoforte)
Carolyn Kimball (soprano)
Jan Holmquist (accompanist)

- (ii) Friday, 19th May, at the Royal Overseas League, Overseas House, Park Place, S.W.1.
Concert by the Köping (Sweden) Girls' Choir and Youth Orchestra.
This is the first of the international exchanges which the Chairman hoped to inaugurate.
To fit in with the performers' other commitments, this concert has to be held at 1.0 p.m. and we hope members will make a special effort to attend. Admission free. The only charge will be 10p. for coffee and biscuits, available from 12.30 p.m.

- (iii) Sunday, 11th June, at the Royal Overseas League, 10.0 a.m. to 6.0 p.m.
Master-Class in Public Performance and General Musicianship for Soloists and Small Ensembles (vocal and/or instrumental), taken by
ANTHONY HOOKING

Full details from the undermentioned, to whom applications for tickets should be sent:-
(enclosing a stamped addressed envelope)

Pupils - to Miss Joan Littlejohn, Kenwood, 14 Crofton Avenue, Orpington, BR6 8DU.
Listeners - to Mrs. Judith Baxter, The Chase, 183 Hadham Road, Bishops' Stortford, Herts. (01-79 4752) (week-ends)

- (iv) The Society is supporting a lecture-recital by Dr. Walter Bergmann on
The Continuo Accompaniment of Songs, in the Purcell Room at 7.30 p.m. on
Friday, 16th June.

We have pleasure in enclosing the current Report and Members' List.

It is with great regret that all four of us sign this letter. We are very sensible of the privilege which it has been to act as officers of the Society. We

conclude by sending all Fellows and Associates cordial good wishes and thanking them for their past support.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET PATERSON (President)
JOAN DAVIES (Chairman)
MURIEL DAWSON (Hon. Treasurer)
GRACE BARRONS RICHARDSON (Acting Hon. Secretary)

Postscript for Associates and Student Associates:-

We must add the following paragraphs for the assistance of the Hon. Treasurer.

Those Associates who have used the convenient arrangement of payment of the annual subscription by means of a banker's order are now requested to instruct their bank to cancel the order.

Those Associates who have not sent their subscription for the year ending 30th June, 1972, are asked to be kind enough to do so now.